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STEREO launch lights up night sky over Cape

NASA TV airs arrival of Russia's ISS Progress 23 at 10 a.m. today

◆ **ELV Update:** The STEREO twin observatories launched from Pad 17-B at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station at 8:52 p.m. Wednesday. STEREO is a two-year mission using two nearly identical observatories, one ahead of Earth in its orbit and the other trailing behind. The duo will provide 3-D measurements of the sun and its flow of energy, enabling scientists to study the nature of coronal mass ejections and why they happen.

◆ **ISS Update:** After launching from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan Oct. 23, the ISS Progress 23 spacecraft will dock to the station at 10:28 a.m. today. NASA TV will provide live coverage of the docking beginning at 10 a.m.

The Progress will bring more than two tons of supplies to the crew, made up of Expedition 14 Commander Mike Lopez-Alegria and Flight Engineers Mikhail Tyurin and Thomas Reiter. Lopez-Alegria and Tyurin are in the second month of a half-year stay in space. Reiter has been aboard the station since July. He is scheduled to return to Earth aboard Space Shuttle Discovery in December.

■ **NASA Exchange** — The In-design Jewelry Fair is back! Stop by the following locations to purchase fantastic gifts for the holiday season: MFF Café, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Friday; SSPF Café, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 2-3; HQ Café, 7 a.m. to

3:30 p.m. Nov. 7-9.

Also, the Orlando Magic will be at the HQ, MFF and SSPF Cafés today between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. selling tickets for the Philadelphia game on Nov. 3 and the Atlanta game on Nov. 25. The Orlando Magic will be back on Nov. 28 and 30 to sell tickets for the Detroit game on Dec. 8 and the Cleveland game on Dec. 16.

■ **Education Opportunity** — Florida Institute of Technology is now accepting applications for the spring 2007 term, beginning Jan. 8. Advance your career with an M.B.A. degree, M.B.A. with a concentration in acquisition and contract management or a master's degree in engineering management. Classes meet one night a week at KSC and Patrick Air Force Base. Contact Sharon Anderson at sanderso@fit.edu or call 453-2030 for more information.

Also offered at The Center for Space Education through University College are Master of Science degrees in computer information systems, computer science, software engineering, space systems or space systems management. Courses are taught by exceptional faculty members who are committed to the pursuit of excellence in teaching.

■ **Ready To Quit Smoking?** Try "The Last Resort Tobacco-Free Program" offered at the OHF! The program is a new indefinite smoking-cessation program. The five-phase program is designed to assess your

individual needs to quit tobacco use (cigarettes or smokeless tobacco), introduce you to the latest nicotine aids and drug therapy that is appropriate for your treatment, and provide you with individual support from the Employee Assistance Program and Health Education and Wellness Program staff. For questions, call EAP at 867-7398 or HEWP at 867-3414.

■ **Another Road Closure** — A section of 5th Street, between B and C Avenues in the KSC Industrial Area, will be closed for both traffic and pedestrians starting at 8:30 a.m. today until 8 a.m. Dec. 22 due to an environmental remedial action. Please make arrangements for alternate routes, such as 4th Street.

■ **New Semester At Florida Tech** — Registration for the spring semester begins Nov. 13. Florida Tech's Master of Science in computer information systems program has been designed and developed by industry leaders. Contact Dr. Rhoda Baggs, program chairperson, assistant professor, CIS program, at 674-8807 or rbaggs@fit.edu. Visit <http://uc.fit.edu/es/melbourne/cis/> for more information. Classes are held at Florida Tech's main campus in Melbourne, at the Spaceport or via distance learning.

■ **Did You Know?** The STS-115 crew is scheduled to be at KSC on Oct. 30. Their presentation to employees about their mission is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. in the Training Auditorium.